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## REMARKS:

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Claim 7 is amended. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 17-25 and 30 are withdrawn. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

## Response to the Restriction Requirement:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 29, 2005, Applicant elects for prosecution the claims of Group III, claims 6-16 and 26-29, including amended claim 7, without traverse, drawn to a method of manufacturing piezoelectric ceramics comprising firing a green compact, classified in class 264, subclass 671.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6810 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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